

MEMO

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TO: The Regional Council
The Community Economic and Human Development Committee
The Energy and Environment Committee
The Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC)

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SUBJECT: State and Federal Legislative Matrix

The California State Legislature reconvened on January 3rd, launching the 2005-2006 Legislative Session. This is the first year of a two-year session; no bills or constitutional amendments have carried over from 2004. Since the 3rd, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has met the constitutional deadline of submitting his Fiscal Year 2005-06 Budget to the Legislature. Bill introduction during this early part of the session will be guided by two dates: January 21st is the last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel, and February 18th is the last day for bill introduction.

SCAG Government Affairs staff is reviewing new bills as they are introduced for relevance to SCAG's jurisdictional areas of interest. As of this writing on January 13, 2005, fourteen bills or constitutional amendments have been flagged for further review. Attached to this memo, all fourteen are listed in a brief summary for the Regional Council. Each committee, however, will receive with this memo a more detailed look at bills within its field. Due to the congressional inaugural break, there is no federal legislation to review at this time.



Private file: EconomicDevelopment

CA SB 6

AUTHOR: Ducheny (D)
TITLE: Enterprise Zones: Designation Period
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: yes
LOCATION: SENATE
CODE SECTION:

An act to amend Section 7073 of the Government Code, relating to enterprise zones, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

SUMMARY:

Relates to the Enterprise Zone Act designations by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Specifies that the designation period of any enterprise zone may total 20 years, subject to certain conditions.

DIGEST:

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 6, as introduced, Ducheny. Enterprise zones: designation period.

The Enterprise Zone Act generally provides for the designation by the Department of Housing and Community Development of enterprise zones in the state, pursuant to which certain entities within the enterprise zone may receive regulatory, tax, and other incentives for private investment and employment. A designation is binding for a period of 15 years from the date of the original designation, except that the designation period for an enterprise zone designated pursuant to specified provisions of law prior to 1990 may total 20 years, subject to specified conditions.

This bill instead would specify that the designation period of any zone may total 20 years, subject to these conditions.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

STATUS:

12/06/2004

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

EconDevel

CA SB 58

AUTHOR: Murray (D)
TITLE: Economic Development: Motion Picture Production
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
LOCATION: SENATE
CODE SECTION:

An act relating to economic development.

SUMMARY:

Expresses the intent of the Legislature to discourage the practice of producing and filming motion pictures outside the state.

DIGEST:

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 58, as introduced, Murray. Economic development: motion picture production.

Existing law provides for various programs for the development of economic opportunities in the state.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to discourage the practice of producing and filming motion pictures outside the state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

STATUS:

01/12/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

EconDevel

Private file: Housing

CA AB 63

AUTHOR: Strickland (R)
TITLE: Elderly and Disabled Home Improvement Loan Program
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
LOCATION: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee
CODE SECTION:

An act to add Part 4.7 (commencing with Section 19940) to Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to housing for the elderly and disabled.

SUMMARY:

Establishes within the Department of Housing and Community Development the Elderly and Disabled Persons' Revolving Home Improvement Loan Program to provide grants to local public agencies or nonprofit corporations, or to provide no-interest home improvement loans to qualified low- and moderate-income elderly and disabled individuals to assist them with daily activities and prevent injury and to allow them to remain safely in their own homes.

DIGEST:

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 63, as introduced, Strickland. Elderly and Disabled Home Improvement Loan Program.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development to make grants to nonprofit housing sponsors and local public entities for operating, administrative, and other expenses of planning, constructing, rehabilitating, and operating assisted housing and to make grants to housing sponsors for the benefit of residents of assisted housing. It also authorizes the department to provide technical assistance and aid to governmental agencies, nonprofit corporations, and housing sponsors for the purpose of providing the benefits of assisted housing to very low income households and persons and families of low- or moderate-income that are handicapped.

Existing law establishes the Senior Housing Information and Support Center within the California Department of Aging for the purpose of providing information and training, including housing options and home modification alternatives designed to support independent living.

This bill would establish within the Department of Housing and Community Development the Elderly and Disabled Persons' Revolving Home Improvement Loan Program. The program would provide grants to local public agencies or nonprofit corporations, or to provide no-interest home improvement loans to qualified low- and moderate-income elderly and disabled individuals to assist them with daily activities and prevent injury and to allow them to remain safely in their own homes.

This bill would establish the Elderly and Disabled Persons' Revolving Home Improvement Loan Fund in the State Treasury. Moneys in the fund would be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for expenditure by the department for the purposes of the program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

STATUS:

12/09/2004

INTRODUCED.

01/06/2005

To ASSEMBLY Committees on HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT and AGING & LONG-TERM CARE.

Subject:

Housing

CA SR 8

AUTHOR: Torlakson (D)
TITLE: Transportation and Housing
LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee
SUMMARY:

Declares that the Senate places a high priority during the 2005-06 Regular Session on improving access to housing and reducing traffic congestion by promoting affordable housing, infill development, and other policies that allow people to live closer to their workplaces.

STATUS:

01/11/2005

INTRODUCED.

01/11/2005

To SENATE Committee on RULES.

Subject:

Housing, Transport

Private file: LandUse

CA SB 44

AUTHOR:

Kehoe (D)

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TITLE: General Plans: Air Quality Element
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
LOCATION: SENATE
CODE SECTION:

An act to amend Section 65302.1 of the Government Code, relating to general plans.

SUMMARY:

Requires the legislative body of each city and county, other than those in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, to amend the appropriate elements of its general plan to include data and analysis, comprehensive goals, policies, and feasible implementation strategies to improve air quality no later than one year from the date specified for the next revision of its housing elements.

DIGEST:

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 44, as introduced, Kehoe. General plans: air quality element.

Existing law requires the legislative body of each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the county or city, and of any land outside its boundaries that bears relation to its planning. The law requires the plan to include a specified land use element that designates the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of the land for housing, business, industry, open space, and other categories of public and private uses of land. Existing law specifically requires the legislative body of each city and county within the jurisdictional boundaries of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to amend appropriate elements of its general plan to include specified information to improve air quality.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations regarding air pollution problems in this state. The bill additionally would require the legislative body of each city and county, other than those in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, to amend the appropriate elements of its general plan to include data and analysis, comprehensive goals, policies, and feasible implementation strategies to improve air quality no later than one year from the date specified for the next revision of its housing element.

The bill would also require each city and county, at least 45 days prior to the adoption of air quality amendments to a general plan, to send a copy of the draft document to the air quality management district or air pollution control district in which it is located for review and comment, as specified. By increasing the duties of local public officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

STATUS:

01/04/2005

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

AirQuality, LandUse

Private file: LocalFinance

CA ACA 7

AUTHOR: Nation (D)
TITLE: Local Governmental Taxation
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
CODE SECTION:

A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State, by amending Section 4 of Article XIII A thereof, by amending Section 2 of Article XIII C thereof, and by amending Section 3 of Article XIII D thereof, relating to taxation.

SUMMARY:

Proposes a Constitutional Amendment to change the 2/3 voter-approval requirement for special taxes to instead authorize a city, county, or special district to impose a special tax with the

approval of 55% of its voters voting on the tax. Makes technical nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

DIGEST:

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACA 7, as introduced, Nation. Local governmental taxation:

special taxes: voter approval. The California Constitution conditions the imposition of a special tax by a city, county, or special district upon the approval of 2/3 of the voters of the city, county, or special district voting on that tax, except that certain school entities may levy an ad valorem property tax for specified purposes with the approval of 55% of the voters within the jurisdiction of these entities. This measure would change the 2/3 voter-approval requirement for special taxes to instead authorize a city, county, or special district to impose a special tax with the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the tax. This measure would also make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions. Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

STATUS:

12/06/2004

INTRODUCED.

Subject:

Revenue/Bond

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